

move this legislation through the Senate so the government can continue to operate smoothly and efficiently so that we can come closer to finishing our regular appropriations bills.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 5 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I think Members need to understand where this CR fits in the scheme of things. As the chairman of the committee, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), has indicated, this continuing resolution when it moves to the Senate will become the vehicle by which the committee deals with the omnibus appropriations bills or the bills that will be included in the omnibus bill.

That will mean that the real CR will have to be brought up next week. And at that time we will see a continuing resolution that keeps the government open to a date somewhere between November 15 and Thanksgiving, I presume. I sincerely hope that by Thanksgiving there will be no need for additional CRs, but I am very skeptical that that will be the case. I am afraid that it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas. I hope that that is not true, but I suspect it may be.

So having already said everything that needs to be said on the CR, I am prepared to yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and the committee for all of the support and the cooperation that we have had. As I have said numerous times on the floor, with the cooperation of the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) we have managed all of our bills well on time to have concluded by the end of the year. But we are only one House of the Congress.

We will work with our partners in the Senate to conclude this business of appropriations as early as we possibly can.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute.

Mr. Speaker, I simply want to observe, as I think the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) indicated this morning, that last year when we had so many appropriation bills not passed until the next session of Congress, the cry we frequently heard on the majority side of the aisle was that "The Senate made me do it." And they were all too eager to blame the Senate for the fact that most appropriation bills had gone nowhere.

As the saying goes, this year they do not have Senator DASCHLE to kick around anymore with the Democrats being in the minority. And so I think it will be interesting to see whether or not the majority sooner or later can either end its debate with itself or else on several of these bills reach across

the aisle and try to work out a more bipartisan solution.

I know the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) has certainly tried, and I believe I have tried; but sometimes things are settled at a level above our pay grade. That is the way life is, and that is the way this institution is.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I urge that we pass this CR and get the process moving, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

The joint resolution is considered read for amendment, and pursuant to House Resolution 407 the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the joint resolution.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

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RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for approximately 5 minutes.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess for approximately 5 minutes.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore at 11 o'clock and 39 minutes a.m.

GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 2003

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3076) to amend title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure graduate opportunities in postsecondary education, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3076

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Graduate Opportunities in Higher Education Act of 2003".

(b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

SEC. 2. JAVITS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

(a) INTERRUPTIONS OF STUDY.—Section 701(c) (20 U.S.C. 1134(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "In the case of other exceptional circumstances, such as active duty military service or personal or family member illness, the institution of higher education may also permit the fellowship recipient to interrupt periods of study for the duration of the tour of duty (in the case of military service) or not more than 12 months (in any other case), but without payment of the stipend."

(b) ALLOCATION OF FELLOWSHIPS.—Section 702(a)(1) (20 U.S.C. 1134a(a)(1)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by inserting "from diverse geographic regions" after "higher education"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new sentence: "The Secretary shall also assure that at least one representative appointed to the Board represents an institution that is eligible for a grant under title III or V of this Act."

(c) STIPENDS.—Section 703 (20 U.S.C. 1134b(a)) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking "1999-2000" and inserting "2004-2005";

(B) by striking "shall be set" and inserting "may be set"; and

(C) by striking "Foundation graduate fellowships" and inserting "Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program"; and

(2) in subsection (b), by amending paragraph (1)(A) to read as follows:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—(A) The Secretary shall (in addition to stipends paid to individuals under this subpart) pay to the institution of higher education, for each individual awarded a fellowship under this subpart at such institution, an institutional allowance. Except as provided in subparagraph (B), such allowance shall be, for 2004-2005 and succeeding academic years, the same amount as the institutional payment made for 2003-2004 adjusted for 2004-2005 and annually thereafter in accordance with inflation as determined by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for the previous calendar year."

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 705 (20 U.S.C. 1134d) is amended by striking "fiscal year 1999 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years" and inserting "fiscal year 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years".

SEC. 3. GRADUATE ASSISTANCE IN AREAS OF NATIONAL NEED.

(a) DESIGNATION OF AREAS OF NATIONAL NEED; PRIORITY.—Section 712 (20 U.S.C. 1135a) is amended—

(1) in the last sentence of subsection (b)—

(A) by striking "and an assessment" and inserting "an assessment"; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: "and the priority described in subsection (c) of this section"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection: